

Ayahuasca (*Banisteriopsis caapi*) Growing Guide

Planting

Banisteriopsis caapi is a tropical climbing vine. Grow it in warm, humid conditions. Use rich, well-draining soil with organic matter. Provide partial shade or filtered sunlight and a strong support structure such as a trellis. Keep the soil consistently moist but avoid waterlogging.

Propagation

Stem cuttings are commonly used because they root more reliably than seeds. Place cuttings in a moist, well-draining medium and maintain high humidity until roots form.

Flowering

Mature vines may flower after several years depending on climate and growing conditions. Flowers are generally small, pale pink to cream-colored, and produced in clusters.

Fruiting

Following successful pollination, the vine can produce winged fruits (samaras). Fruit development may take several weeks to months after flowering.

Tips for Better Flowering and Fruiting

Provide climbing support, use compost or balanced organic fertilizer, maintain adequate moisture and humidity, and encourage pollinators.